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WEBSTER MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGE

RE: UNITED STATES v. WILLIAM CIAMPRONE

Michael A. Battle, the United States Attorney for the Western District of New York, announced that today William Ciamprone, age 57, of 523 Old Mill Lane, Webster, New York, pled guilty in front of United States District Court Judge Michael A. Telesca to receiving and distributing child pornography in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252A(a)(2), which carries a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 5 years and a maximum term of imprisonment of 20 years, a $250,000 fine, or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard Resnick, who is handling the case, stated that on June 2, 2004, a search warrant was executed on the defendant's residence. It was determined that the defendant possessed images of child pornography contained on two computers and 140 CD-Roms he owned. Many of the images contained minors under twelve years of age.

With respect to the number of images depicted, the government examined three of the CD-Roms. These three CD-Roms contained a total of appropriately 5,000 images of child pornography. The defendant also possessed over a thousand videos containing child pornography. At least one of these videos contained images depicting girls between the ages of 6 and 9 being raped by adult males. The defendant received the child pornography over the internet, and he posted images of child pornography to a website.

Ciamprone has agreed to be sentenced to 121 months in prison when he is sentenced on December 15, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. by the Honorable Michael A. Telesca.

The charges in this case were the culmination of an investigation by the Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement under the direction of Peter Smith, Special Agent in Charge.

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